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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for October 29 - November 9, 2001

THIS WEEK

- **State and Local Assistance at the Border:** On October 30, INS Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the House Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations on the use of State and local law enforcement personnel at the nation's borders. (D. Burton)
- **Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service:** The FBI will testify on October 30, at the House Government Reform Committee's hearing, entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service: Ensuring the Safety of Postal Employees and the Mail." (Coughlin)
- **Coordination Between Federal and State Law Enforcement:** On October 31, DEA, FBI, INS, and OJP will testify at a joint hearing before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations; Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources; and Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations on how effectively Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies are working together, i.e. information sharing. (Bernhardt, Coughlin)
- **List of Most Wanted Terrorists:** FBI will testify on November 1, before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding the FBI's list of the 22 most wanted terrorists. (Coughlin)
- **Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2002:** The Senate version of this bill may go to the floor this week; the House version has already passed. At the request of House Intelligence Committee staff, additional provisions to supplement or make technical fixes to provisions of the USA-Patriot Act are being cleared in the Department and at OMB for possible inclusion during conference on the final legislation. (Walter)

LAST WEEK

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on October 25 on the following nominations: Sharee Freeman, to be Director of the Community Relations

Service; Harris Hartz, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; John Bates, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; Kurt D. Engelhardt, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; and William Johnson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

On October 23, the Senate confirmed the following nominations by roll call votes: James H. Payne, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma (100-0); Karen K. Caldwell, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky (100-0); Laurie Smith Camp, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska (100-0); and Claire V. Eagan, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma (99-0).

In wrap up that same day, the Senate confirmed, by unanimous consent, Jay S. Bybee, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and the following U.S. Attorneys: Anna M. S. Wagoner, Middle District of North Carolina; Margaret M. Chiara, Western District of Michigan; Robert J. Conrad, Jr., Western District of North Carolina; Thomas C. Gean, Western District of Arkansas; James M. Greenlee, Northern District of Mississippi; Raymond W. Gruender, Eastern District of Missouri; Daniel G. Bogden, Nevada; Thomas M. DiBiagio, Maryland; Thomas E. Johnston, Northern District of West Virginia; Donald W. Washington, Western District of Louisiana; Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Northern District of Illinois; John McKay, Western District of Washington; and Karl K. Warner II, Southern District of West Virginia.

On October 25, the Senate confirmed, by unanimous consent, Ben Reyna, to be Director of the U.S. Marshals Service. (Scott-Finan)

- **USA-Patriot Act and Updates on Terrorism Investigations:** On October 24, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held a closed follow-up to its October 17 hearing on a provision of the anti-terrorism bill signed by the President on October 26. The provision relates to inter-agency tracking of financial capabilities and resources of foreign terrorists. FBI, CIA and Treasury Department officials testified. FBI and CIA representatives also provided Members with an update on the investigation into the September 11 bombings and recent anthrax incidents. (Walter)